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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the September 4, 2002 Office Action, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 29 as follows:

29. (Amended) A method of Claim 1 wherein the multiplex
created is a quadruplex, in step (1) the Watson-Crick duplex is a
first Watson-Crick duplex, and in step (1) the sufficient number of
single-stranded molecules is 2, those single-stranded molecules are
in a second Watson-Crick duplex, and in step (2) the quadruplex is
formed from said first and second duplexes.

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